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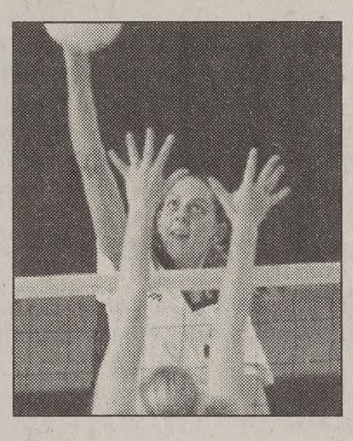

Rally point

Y volleyball middle blocker Nina Puikkonen has post-season dreams to fulfill.

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War escalates on several fronts

Pilots hit Afghan-like targets in Utah desert

Utah's Test and Training Range takes on the look of the Afghan desert. Pilots at Hill Air Force Base will practice combat techniques over the range this week.

Photo courtesy of Sonja Whittington

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Pilots at Hill Air Force Base will have a chance this week to practice combat in Afghan-like terrain — in the middle of the Utah desert.

Officials at the Utah Test and Training Range in northwestern Utah have changed the look of the military training camp to better resemble Afghanistan's rocky terrain with its cavernous hideaways and mountain ridges, said Boe Hadley, deputy for range operations.

"Since the events in Afghanistan and the conflict we're in right now, we've made the targets different than anything we've done before," Hadley said.

The plan for the training camp came from footage from the warfront in Afghanistan, Hadley said. Instead of easy-to-spot, traditional military camps, the Taliban have a collection of tent enclaves and cave hideouts — making them difficult for pilots to see.

Hadley said the use of tents is increasingly common in regions with rocky terrain like Afghanistan because it is nearly impossible to drive heavy tanks or haul artillery up the sharp inclines of the surrounding mountains.

The idea for the new target practice came from Col. Steve Hoog, commander of the 388th Fighter Wing.

Capt. Angie Chang, public affairs officer at Hill Air Force Base, said Hoog thought the targets should be modernized to give pilots fighting experience that would help them in the uncertain warfare and terrain of the Middle East.

"Our wing is responding to real-world situations, so we're preparing for any future prospects," Chang said.

For pilots, these situations include non-traditional targets and the added danger of sharply rising hills and mountains, Hadley said.

"It should present a whole new challenge to them. They have never seen targets in these areas before, so they will have to search for them," Hadley said.

The simulation is only part of the training mission that is required of Hill's pilots.

The targets are "dry targets," which means there will be no actual bombing, Chang said. A computer system in the plane allows pilots to see how close they would have been to the target in an actual attack.

Pilots from Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho and Luke Air Force Base in Arizona will also help with the training exercises over the next week.

Americans join Afghan tribes, pound al-Qaida

Associated Press

TORA BORA, Afghanistan — Afghan tribal fighters battled their way through mortar and machine-gun fire Monday and pushed Osama bin Laden loyalists from a strategic mountain valley leading to an underground complex where the terror suspect may be hiding.

B-52s and other American warplanes battered al-Qaida mortar positions on the mountaintops as the Afghan fighters — helped by U.S. special forces — seized caves in the Milawa valley in the White Mountains. A commander said forces loyal to bin Laden had been pushed back to the main complex at Tora Bora about a mile away.

U.S. Marines also intensified their hunt for Taliban leaders and members of the al-Qaida terror network around the southern city of Kandahar — the other region where Afghan and American officials think bin Laden may be hiding.

Marine "hunter-killer" teams in armored assault vehicles and backed by combat helicopters set up a staging ground at the foot of a jagged mountain about 12 miles outside Kandahar, from which officials said they could intercept fleeing fighters on the roads.

In Washington, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said that although the Taliban have

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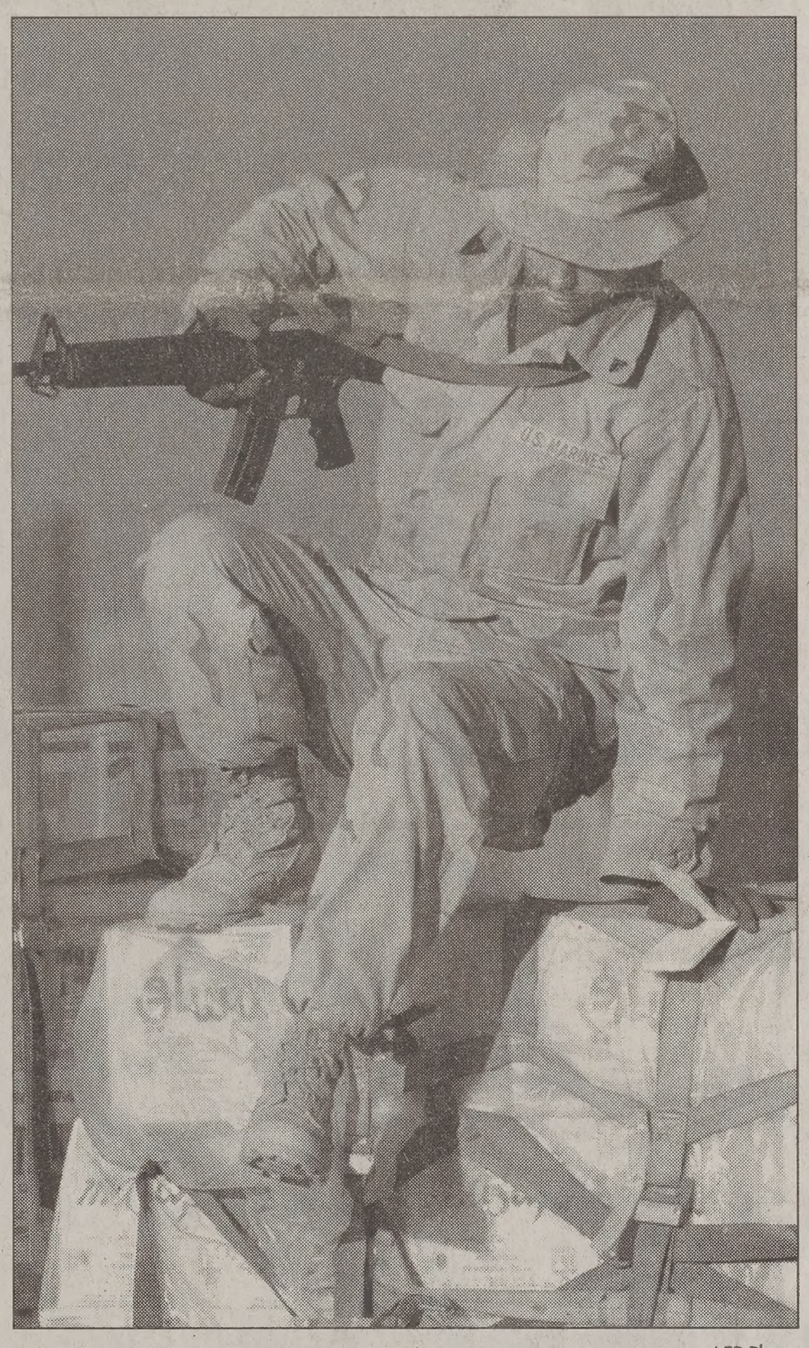

AFP Photo

Marine Cpl. Brandon Polk of Ridgecrest, Calif., carries his M16 rifle as he climbs off a shipment to Camp Rhino in Southern Afghanistan on Sunday.

Chilling video reveals bin Laden's role in plot

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden claims he calculated in advance how many casualties "the enemy" would suffer on Sept. 11 and was delighted to see his estimate surpassed, according to a videotape President Bush wants the world to see.

The president said the tape "just reminds me of what a murderer he is."

Two senior administration officials said privately that Bush was leaning toward making public the tape seized in Afghanistan. They said he was holding off on a final decision while intelligence officials recheck their Arabic translation and anything that might betray intelligence-gathering methods. The tape could be released in the next two days, officials said.

Bush, during a White House event celebrating Hanukkah, did not address whether he would release the tape but said of bin Laden: "This man wants to destroy any semblance of civilization for his own power." The chilling nature of the tape stands in contrast to the spirit of the holiday season, Bush said.

"For those who see this tape, they realize that not only is he guilty of incredible murder, he has no conscience and no soul. He represents the worst of civilization," Bush said.

The tape, which was discovered about 10 days ago in an abandoned apartment in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, was described to reporters by the small circle of administration officials who have seen the video or read a translation of its contents. A date stamped on the tape suggests it was produced in November, one of the officials said.

"The body language that I saw, really was just disgusting. I mean, that people would take delight in having killed innocent civilians is horrible," said Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

Apparently made by an amateur with a handheld camera, the videotape shows bin Laden being interviewed or meeting with a cleric about the suicide hijackings that killed thousands in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. The suspected terrorist mastermind, speaking in Arabic, reportedly tells the story of how he tuned into news shows on the morning of Sept. 11, waited for reports of the first strikes on the World Trade Center, and then told companions there was more to come — evidently referring to planes that later crashed into the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. He says he had only expected New York's twin towers to collapse only down to the level of where the hijacked airliners struck.

Two intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said bin Laden also revealed that, in advance of Sept. 11, he tallied up how many Americans could be killed, a casualty estimate "for the enemy."

Textbook Web site faces name battle

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ByuBAY.com is a student-founded Web site set to join the oodles of online textbook flea markets.

That is, if the site ever gets off the ground.

Both eBay and BYU have expressed concerns about the site's name, wondering if it breaches copyright laws.

"EBay has contacted us and told me that I cannot use a domain name with 'bay' in it," said BYU student and site co-founder David Ogden.

He doubts eBay could trademark a common word like "bay," but Ogden said his company would try to appease eBay's requests without changing the Web site address.

BYU officials have their own reservations.

"BYU is a registered mark and a registered name," said Jason Badell with the school's licensing department.

"Using the BYU name and logos is not allowed unless it is approved by the licensing department."

Badell said the department considers student requests to use "BYU" in outside ventures on a case-by-case basis.

"We're all for positive advertising for BYU, but it's not right for them to get gain off the BYU name if they don't offer the school any positive benefits," he said.

Meanwhile, byuBAY.com creators hope to lure students away from the BYU Bookstore's buyback lines with their online textbook auction, said site co-founder Benjamin Olson, 23, a senior majoring in economics from Palo Alto, Calif.

The Web site was born out of the founders' distrust of the Bookstore's textbook buyback practices.

"There is a feeling, especially among economics students, that they have a monopoly," Olson said.

The BYU Bookstore purchases used textbooks at 60 percent of the new book price during the book buyback program at the end of each semester or term, said Brent Laker, BYU Bookstore assistant director.

Used books are then resold for 75 percent of the new book price, he said.

However, if the Bookstore reaches its buyback quota for a textbook, it can only pay the wholesale price for the used text, Laker said.

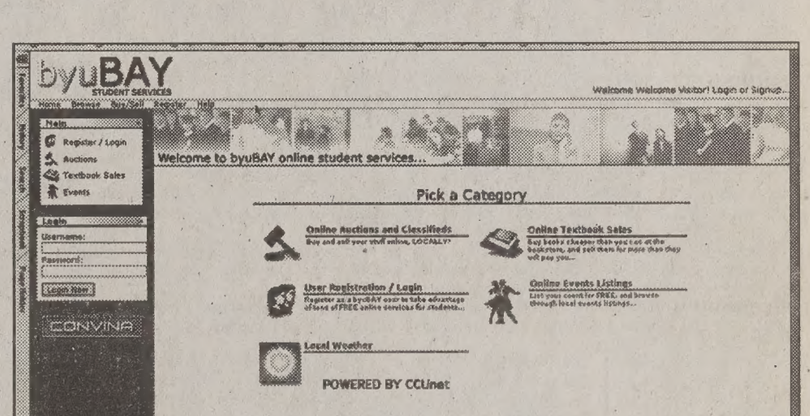

Photo from www.ByuBAY.com

The average wholesale price is 10 to 30 percent of the current new price, he said.

Ultimately, textbook swapping isn't byuBAY's only focus.

"That is just one of a million things that could be improved through increased communication," Ogden said.

byuBAY's general auction site will cater to students who typically list cars, computers and other items on the Wilkinson Student Center bulletin board, Olson said.

"It really is something that's useful," Ogden said. "We just want to tie people together."

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– Associated Press

NATION

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Lawmakers seek to cash in during break

SALT LAKE CITY — Some state lawmakers will take advantage of the Utah Legislature's special Olympic schedule to sidestep a state law that prohibits them from taking money from lobbyists while in session.

"I imagine some legislators will be fund raising during a special two-week period of committee hearings next month on bills to be considered in the 2002 general session," said Senate Majority Leader Steve Poulton, R-Holladay.

Both House Republicans and the state Democratic Party will be holding fund-raisers during that period.

"I have more than a dozen letters of solicitation from legislators sitting on my desk right now," said lobbyist and former House Minority Leader Frank Pignanelli.

The committee hearings are being held to give lawmakers a head start on the general session that begins Jan. 21.

Penn. gunman shoots three, kills one

MALVERN, Pa. — A gunman shot three people, killing one, outside a suburban Philadelphia shopping center Monday night.

Police were searching for the gunman, who remained at large, authorities said.

The shooting happened at 9:39 p.m. at the Great Valley Shopping Center in East Whiteland Township, a Chester County emergency dispatcher said.

One of the three was taken to a hospital, where he died, said Doug Hughes, a nursing supervisor at Paoli Memorial Hospital. Hughes gave no further details.

The dispatcher said another victim was taken to Brandywine Hospital; he did not know what happened to the third victim. A nursing supervisor at Brandywine would not release any information.

The dispatcher said he did not know what the motive for the shooting might have been.

Refugees allowed to stay in Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland — Five refugees who survived a journey in a freight container across Europe that left eight others dead will be allowed to stay in Ireland, the government said Monday.

"These people have suffered enough and any applications they make will be very sympathetically dealt with," said Prime Minister Bertie Ahern.

Earlier, Justice Minister John O'Donoghue said if the five survivors — three Turks, an Algerian and an Albanian — did not qualify for refugee status they would be allowed to stay on humanitarian grounds.

"I have no intention of saying 'no room at the inn' to these human beings," O'Donoghue said.

The five survivors were found alongside the bodies of eight dead refugees Saturday in a shipment of office furniture near Wexford, 70 miles south of Dublin. Police said the migrants were probably trying to get to Britain.

Venezuelan strike hampers economy

CARACAS, Venezuela — Thousands of Venezuelan businesses closed Monday and millions of people stayed home from work in a nationwide strike against new laws that critics say stifle investment.

President Hugo Chavez responded by calling out troops and police to patrol the tense streets and accusing "corrupt economic elites" of conspiring against his government. He blamed news media for promoting the strike and threatened legislation regulating the content of news reporting.

The 12-hour business strike appeared to further polarize politics in Venezuela, the United States' fourth-largest trade partner in the Americas and No. 3 supplier of oil. Domestic production was at a near standstill, though oil production and exports were unaffected.

The strike was called by Fedecamaras, Venezuela's biggest business confederation, whose affiliates are responsible for 90 percent of Venezuela's non-oil production. Fedecamaras head Pedro Carmona proclaimed it a nationwide success late Monday.

Weather

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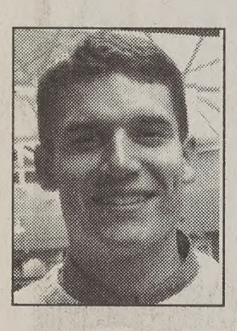
Scripture of the Day



"And they all cried with one voice, saying: Yea, we believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually."

— Mosiah 5:2

Fuller Harrington, 21, an international business major from Athens, Ga., likes this scripture because "to be truly converted to the gospel we all have to have a mighty change of heart."

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West Bank shootings kill 2 boys

Associated Press

HEBRON, West Bank — Israeli helicopters fired missiles at a Palestinian car in this West Bank town Monday, killing two boys, ages 3 and 13, hospital officials said. Seven passengers and bystanders were wounded, including the apparent target, a suspected Islamic militant.

The Israeli military declined comment. In the past 15 months of fighting, Israel has killed dozens of militants often by firing rockets at their cars.

Monday's helicopter strike came a day after the Israeli security Cabinet reportedly approved more military strikes against Palestinian targets, including air attacks, incursions into Palestinian territory and targeted killings of suspected militants.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, meanwhile, dropped plans to attend this week's gathering of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Qatar. Arafat, who was to have left for Doha on Sunday evening, feared Israel would not allow him to return, said Palestinian officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Arafat's concerns were confirmed by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher that "we (Israeli officials) have no objection to him (Arafat) leaving and going to Doha, on condition he doesn't return," Egyptian newspapers quoted Mubarak as saying.

> "We have no objection to him (Arafat) leaving and going to Doha, on condition he doesn't return."
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> —Ariel Sharo
> Israeli prime minist

In the helicopter attack in Hebron, Israeli helicopter gunships fired several missiles damaged at least three cars w ing at a traffic light. One car t a direct hit and was charred smoking. Two other vehicles v struck by debris that shatt windows and windshie Hundreds of people surroun the cars.

Study links Gehrig's disease to Gulf War

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans who served in the Gulf War were nearly twice as likely to develop Lou Gehrig's disease as other military personnel, the government reported Monday. It was the first time officials acknowledged a scientific link between Gulf service and a specific disease.

The Veterans Administration said it would immediately offer disability and survivor benefits to veterans with the disease who served in the Persian Gulf.

"The hazards of the modern day battlefield are more than bullet wounds and saber cuts," said Anthony Principi, secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The research, which included nearly 2.5 million military personnel, is one of the largest epidemiological studies ever conducted and offers the most conclusive evidence to date linking Gulf War veterans to any disease. Researchers still do not know why these veterans were more likely to get sick.

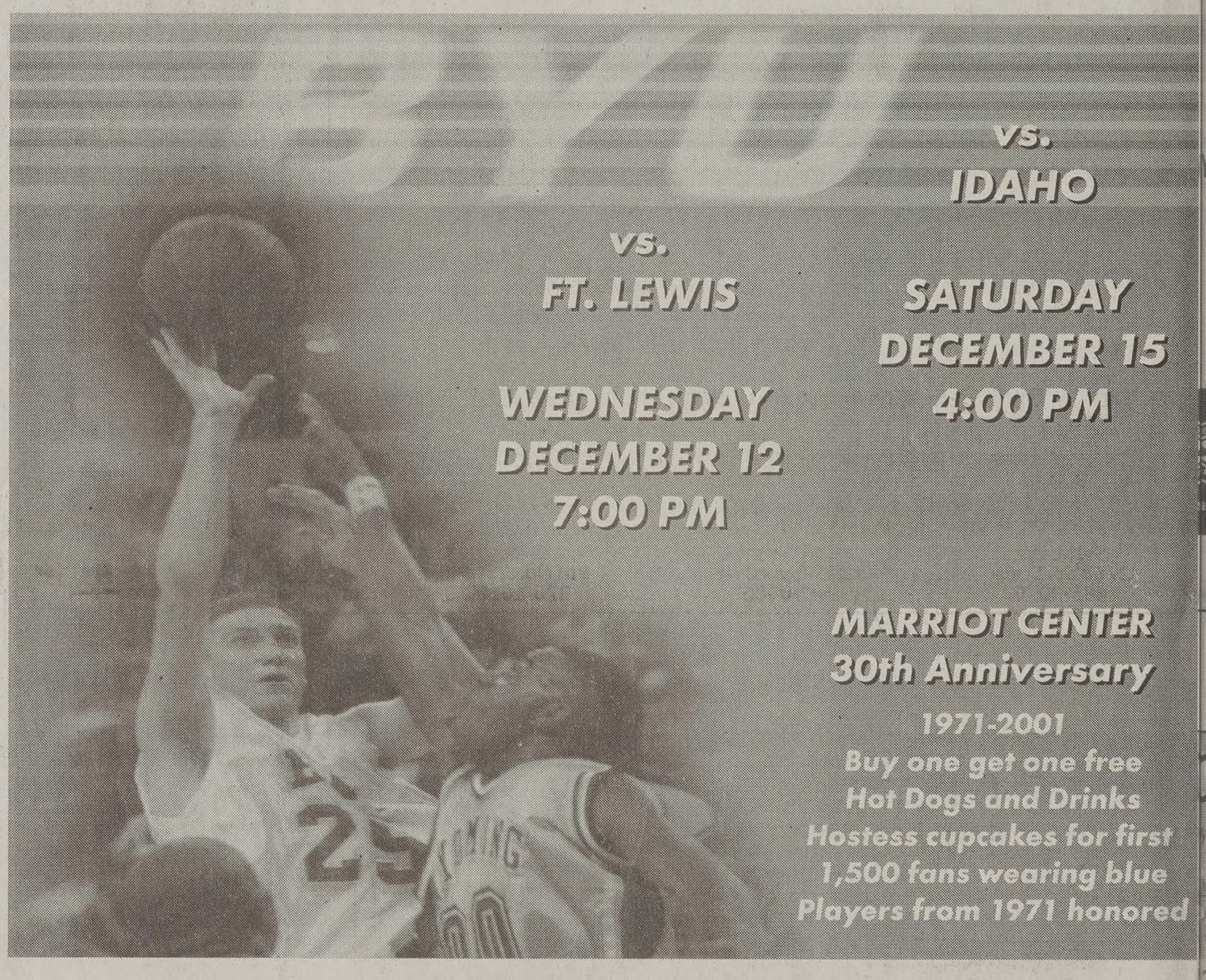
Veterans have long maintained that a variety of illnesses are associated with service in the Gulf, but scientific evidence has been scant and the Pentagon has resisted making the connection. Last year, the National Academy of Sciences was unable to link these complaints to a specific cause.

"There was massive denial and obfuscation for years," said Tom Donnelly, whose son Michael, an Air Force fighter pilot in the Gulf War, is now paralyzed with Lou Gehrig's disease.

"I think there were people who decided, for whatever reason, this was something they didn't want to admit or cop to," said Donnelly, of South Windsor, Conn. "They just didn't want it done so they put the word that it wasn't real."

The top health official at Defense Department, Dr. Winkenwerder Jr., said Mon that the conclusions are "not study results we'd like to rep He allowed that Pentagon cials have taken complaints seriously in the past.

"There's been a maturation thinking about health risks ass ated with deployed military s ice," said Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense health affairs.



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02 Games' costs skyrocket

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LAKE CITY — The last time the States held a Winter Olympics, athletes a prison and organizers nearly had to bankruptcy on a $168 million budget.

officials meet in Switzerland this review final plans for an Olympics months away, they'll find the accom-ns aren't the only thing upgraded since Lake Placid, N.Y.

lt Lake City Olympics will be the most e Winter Games ever, costing nearly n – or $791,667 per athlete – to stage f skiing and skating.

$1 of every $5 will be picked up by payers.

udget dwarfs what was spent in Lake nd nearly triples the cost of the much 984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, nflation-adjusted dollars.

t know how they're spending so much. Winter Games, for gosh sakes," said ound, an influential International Committee member from Canada.

vish spending is a reflection of a trend t years, where the cost of staging the as skyrocketed as each Olympic city utdo the last.

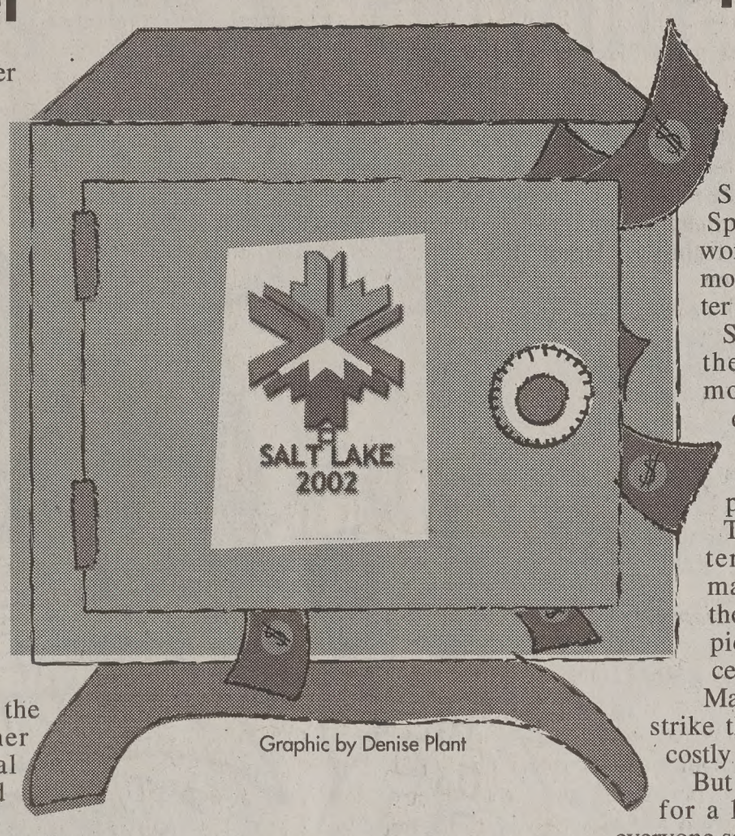
sts have soared because of the increase in security and the number of athletes, and more expensive technology.

The Salt Lake City figures are staggering even to Olympic officials who thought the 1998 Nagano Games pushed extravagance to its limit with a $1.14 billion price tag.

"It's beyond my imagination that things could suddenly jump to the extreme costs they're running," said Philip Wolff, the chief of staff for the Lake Placid Games. "Are we running a games of spending or of competition for the athletes?"

Eighteen cents of every dollar will come from the pockets of taxpayers.

They will pay to make the games safer and for other costs, such as additional weather forecasts and transportation for spectators traveling to major competition sites.



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Taxpayers shell out the cash for increased safety, events

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Spectators won't have to worry about how to get to most events when the Winter Olympics begin.

Shuttle buses will take them across town, up mountains and to the doorstep of every venue.

It won't cost them a dime. Taxpayers are picking up the tab.

The most expensive Winter Olympics ever will make ends meet because the federal government is picking up the tab for 18 cents on every dollar.

Making sure terrorists don't strike the Feb. 8–24 Games is costly enough.

But taxpayers will be paying for a lot more than keeping everyone safe for 17 days.

Federal funds will be used for everything from forecasting weather to promoting a special wild horse adoption program.

At least 44 different federal agencies are providing support, including $55,000 by the Department of Justice to assess the amount of racial tension in Salt Lake City during the Games.

A new road into the Snowbasin ski resort, site of the downhill, was funded by $15 million from the federal government, while taxpayers also paid for upgrades to the Salt Lake International Airport, including $2.8 million for new approach lighting.

In all, American taxpayers will spend some $380 million on the Olympics, or more than a dollar for every man, woman and child in the country.

"It's a backdoor, ever–escalating, ever-increasing cost," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a critic of federal Olympic funding. "Even Mitt Romney agrees Olympic spending is out of control."

Not exactly.

While Romney, the head of the Salt Lake Olympic Committee, says he would like to see future Olympics cost less, his will be the most expensive Winter Olympics ever.

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Winter woes, dangerous roads

Not very long ago, the ground was covered with crackling fall leaves and the air was unusually balmy. But winter has blown its icy breath into Utah, and now members of the BYU community, as well as other Utahns, are faced with thick frosty blankets of snow, freezing gusts of wind, and slick, icy roads.

The cold weather pushes people indoors and urges them to stay cuddled under a blanket on the couch instead of venturing out into the blustering blizzards. But it's impossible to stay inside and hibernate all winter. Sooner or later everyone has to go outside.

Unfortunately, that's when the sinister side of winter becomes apparent. During the first hard week of snowstorms last month, more than 100 accidents were reported in Utah Valley alone. The accidents included a six-car pileup beneath the I-15 Center Street overpass in Provo and a fatal accident caused by a pickup truck that hit a patch of ice, lost control, fishtailed and went over into oncoming traffic.

Many winter accidents are merely inconvenient or nerve-wracking, but too many of them cause major injuries and death. Next to loss of life, the greatest tragedy of winter accidents is that they happen at all when so many of them could be avoided.

Most of us, unfortunately, are plagued with feelings of invincibility. The it-could-never-happen-to-me-because-I'm-a-good-driver syndrome is a problem of drivers young and old. And Utahn or not, most people feel confident that their driving skills are sufficient to handle the deadly snow and ice of Utah winter months.

Sadly, not enough people do heed the warnings. For that matter, not enough people even use common sense. Snow, slush and especially ice are slippery. It is possible to lose all control even while driving slowly, even in a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

If, however, drivers do use common sense, they can significantly reduce the odds of damaging vehicles and injuring passengers. Driving slowly cannot prevent accidents, but it can reduce the number and minimize damage when accidents do occur. Leaving plenty of distance between cars, making sure all ice and snow is scraped off car windows, and even staying indoors during times of very low visibility are additional common-sense ideas.

We therefore urge members of the BYU community to be safe. Be safe during all winter travels — especially trips home for the holidays. Making the wrong decision could cost you more than you can afford to lose, but being wise can save lives, and one of them might be your own.

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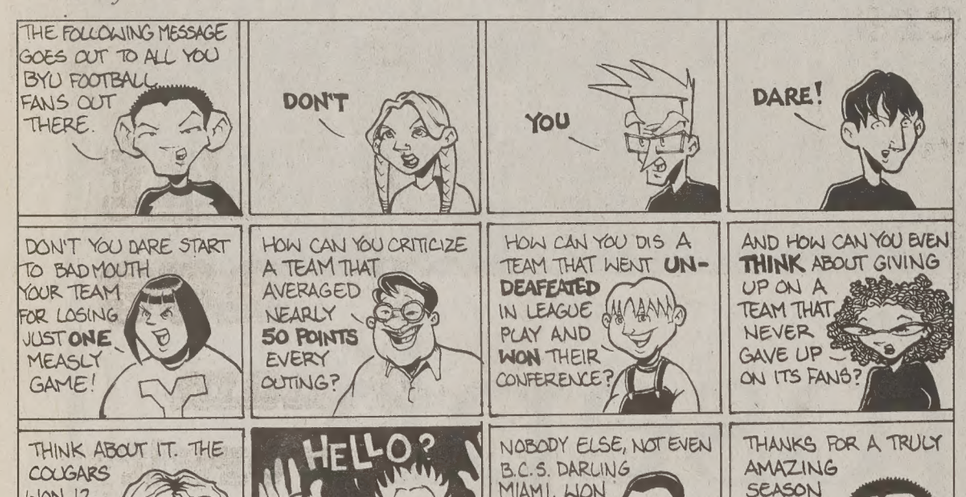
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THANKS FOR A TRULY AMAZING SEASON GUYS. YOU'RE NUMBER ONE IN OUR BOOK.

VIEWPOINTS

'Evil China' image a myth

Heren Lu
Changchun, China

In response to Thursday's article on the horrible treatment of Falun Gong followers, I feel like I have to say something about this matter as a native Chinese student. I've studied in the United States for around five years, and I joined the church in Salt Lake City three years ago. I consider myself a fair judge of this topic, since I've seen this issue from both American and Chinese sides.

I come from the same city as Li Hongzhi — founder of Falun Gong. In fact, he lived in the building next to mine in China. When he started Falun Gong in my province, he focused on the poor and uneducated farmers in the country. Claiming he was the god of the only true religion, Li gave the farmers "holy water" to cure their diseases instead of going to doctors. Hundreds died as a result. After the Chinese government forbade Falun Gong in China, Li was one of the first to flee to the United States. He then encouraged his followers in China to burn themselves to death in Tiananmen Square. He told them that if they did so, they would go directly to heaven. Around 30 innocent Falun Gong followers died from this painful suicide. If Li Hongzhi really believes his own words, why didn't he burn himself to death like he told others to?

I want to clarify my standing. I am not trying to make excuses for the existing human rights problems in China. I am just trying help BYU students to see the truth from both sides. As an international student from China, I believe that every Chinese feels the shame of the earlier innocent deaths at Tiananmen Square. I am very disappointed in the "evil China" image that the U.S. media sends the American people.

BYU has always had a really good relationship with China. I hope this good relationship will last for many generations and that every BYU student will develop an objective view of China.

Falun Gong article biased

Jared Berry
Idaho Falls, Idaho

While I personally don't agree with the Chinese government's response to the Falun Gong, I strongly disagree with The Daily Universe's treatment of the Falun Gong situation. The coverage provided by The Daily Universe reflected an unknowledgeable bias on the part of the writer.

The writer stated that "many (of the protesters) were treated in a way that is typical of the Chinese government, a government frequently criticized for its human rights violations." This implies that the Chinese government's modus operandi is that of violent suppression of its citizens.

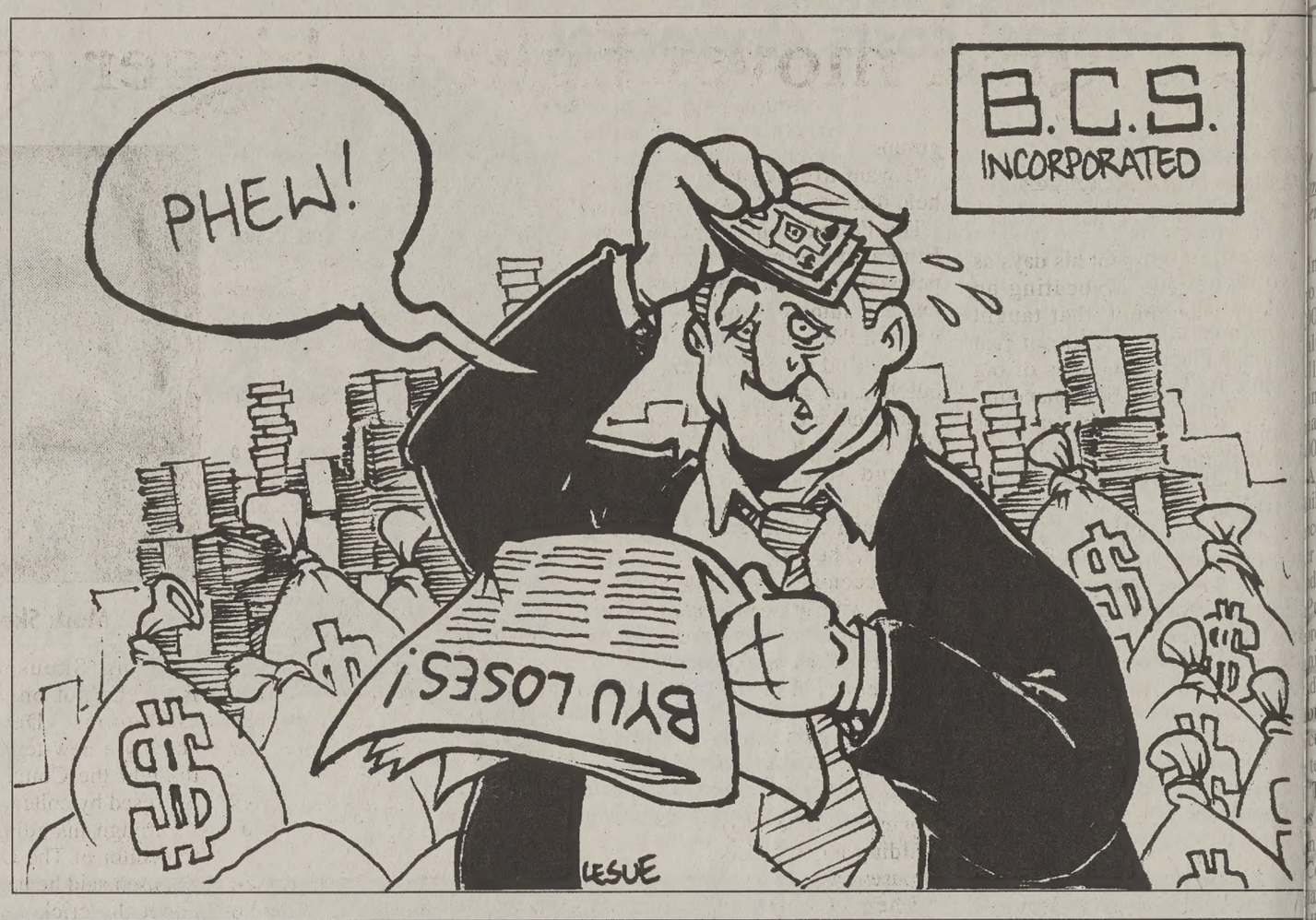
From my experience, this is not the case. While visiting Tiananmen Square last December, I witnessed the police arrest several Falun Gong members. Their methods were no different than American police arresting a lawbreaker. Compared with what I witnessed after the BYU-Utah game, the Beijing police behaved like Miss Manners.

Any organization that advocates public self-incineration would be illegal in the United States as well. While we point our fingers at human-rights violations committed by the Chinese government, let us not forget that we live under a government that thinks it was justified killing dozens of its citizens by burning down the Branch Davidians' compound in Waco, Texas.

Making statements calling human-rights violations by the Chinese government "typical" shows The Daily Universe's lack of perspective. The church has worked long and hard to establish its now strong relationship with the Chinese government. Inflammatory remarks made against the legitimate ruling regime of China are extremely detrimental to the church's current position.

Earlier this year, the Chinese ambassador visited BYU, making a large literary donation to the library. It's a good thing he wasn't here to read the critical statements published on the front page of The Daily Universe, or BYU would have more to worry about than his sudden decision to retract the donation. Among our student body are scores of Chinese students, several of whom are sons and daughters of high-ranking government officials. These offensive words could easily leak back to their parents, letting them know the views published in BYU's official newspaper.

As a part of BYU, anything published by The Daily Universe reflects on the church's university and therefore reflects on the church in general. Hopefully in the future The Daily Universe will control the amount of spin it publishes to keep from offending students or high-ranking Chinese government officials.



READERS' FORUM

Learn about SCAMP

Dear Editor,

SCAMP will be in the spotlight at the next Provo City Council meeting, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Students, out of civic duty or sheer frustration, will be able to spend three minutes of fame looking — well — ignorant.

City Council members have been looking at SCAMP for years. Most students have read six paragraphs concerning SCAMP. City Council members have mounds of facts and data to look at. Students have only heard a lot of negative hearsay.

If you think SCAMP is Deseret Towers without parking lots, you're wrong. If you think 20 cars surrounding a 19th century home is ideal, you're wrong. If you think civic duty isn't related to the gospel, you're wrong.

However, the City Council members still want student input, but about specific things. What are those things?

The BYU Institute of Transportation Engineers is conducting a SCAMP seminar Thursday at 6 p.m. in 455 MARB. We will inform the uninformed and provide real ammunition for the SCAMP debate. Make your two cents worth something.

Brent Turley
President of the BYU ITE Student Chapter and former SCAMP Committee student representative
Salt Lake City

Center needs new name

Dear Editor,

As we have spent countless hours chained to the desks of the Testing Center, we have come to realize that there are two major problems with it, outside the fact that its mere existence defies university norms in the rest of the United States, where teachers are required to test students within the regulated class periods. The more severe issues are:

1) How can an edifice dedicated to testing — the thing most odious — be as beautiful as a temple inside? Paradoxical. Couldn't it resemble the gothic nightmare it is? I feel way too guilty cursing my professors under the holy gaze of gospel portraiture.

2) How can a building so loathed be dedicated to Heber J. Grant, a beloved prophet? It isn't really fair to him that no one likes his building! Why not a more fitting name for the edifice, like The Lilburn W. Boggs Building — "The Bog" for short? Then we could hate our finals with impunity, as we should.

Matt Squires
Vernal, Uintah County

Addy Bigelow
Salt Lake City

Judgment insulting

Dear Editor,

I agree with Emerson when he said that for every thousand hacks at the leaves of evil, there is one strike at the root. Recently in an American Heritage lecture, a student took objection to one of the film clips. He stood up and expressed his opinion that our professor should have "listened to his heart" and "followed the Spirit in his teaching." He left many of us chagrined and insulted. Our professor was visibly affected.

As good and evil further polarizes in this world, the saints will be increasingly looked on as a veritable force for good. It is therefore imperative that we are able to judge impeccably. This student saw our professor point to one root of evil, and in his leaf thrashing, chopped off the good hand with the sword of pseudo self-righteous indignation.

Interestingly, I didn't hear any criticism when President Hinckley pointed to the evils of rave parties. Do we remember Mormon's lament and description of the horrible wickedness of the Nephites? And who would criticize NBC for reporting Oklahoma City or Sept. 11?

Dealing with such evils is not pleasant, but it is crucial. Sadly, I feel that this is one example of patent BYU naivete. Furthermore, these statements made by my peer beg the question of spirituality. In making those invective declarations, he assumed his superior spiritual discernment. If he could discern our professor's intent in helping to identify and rectify evil, he would not have made these ignorant statements. When measured against the standard he meted, this protestor is left seriously lacking. I venerate my professor in his attempts to serve us in pointing out the fruits, roots and trees of both good and evil.

Joseph Walch
San Antonio

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Focus on real issues

Dear Editor,

Lately you have received some interesting letters about wasting time on engaged people when time would be better spent hitting on single people. While we agree that this is a valid complaint, we feel there are more pressing issues at hand. There are lots of non-engaged people at BYU, but a lot of these people are just as much a waste of time as the engaged.

We propose that everyone at BYU have their Net ID numbers sewn on their backpacks. Using the desired person's ID number, you could access a Web page listing their major, morning prep time, favorite music, parent's salary, their potential salary, pictures of relatives (that your children might resemble — yikes!), personality problems and potential weight/figure in 20 years.

We feel these Web pages would be of great interest to shallow people like ourselves that would rather not waste time and money on someone who could never become a potential mate. For example, instead of going on five dates with some guy before finding out he's a basket-weaving major, you could write him off your list with one click of the mouse and spend those five evenings with a pre-med major. Or for you guys, knowing that a certain girl spends three hours primping each morning might entice you to go for someone who's just naturally pretty instead.

So BYU, if you are going to make us wear buttons, balloons or patches, lets make them worth our while. Let's get all the important or necessary info.

Or here is a better idea: Why don't w worry about finals week, classes a graduating instead of diamonds, balloo and buttons?

Jenn Donley
Groton, S.D.

Stacy Orton
Houston

Keep up the good wor

Dear Editor,

How often we live our lives without awareness of how other people are affec ed by our actions. A few weeks ago I v ited the Cougareat Food Court in t company of a friend — a gentleman v iting from our neighbor to the nor Canada. He is a significant person in h government and in his church. Followi a brief lunch, I left him reading a copy The Daily Universe, which someone h left on the table, while I went to my car retrieve an item we needed. When returned about ten minutes later he said me, "I am greatly impressed by a cou of things I have just observed here. young man carried his tray of food to t table over there, sat down and brie bowed his head before he began eating. moment later another young man brou a tray of food to the table just beyo him, sat down and did the same thi Now, I have been on a lot of college ca puses, but rarely have I seen that h pen."

I thought someone might be interest in my friend's comments.

Donald LeBaron
Provo

Empathize with driver

Dear Editor,

I have always anticipated coming BYU. I have always dreaded having drive in Provo. It has been said that U drivers are the worst, but after drivi here for several months I have come t different conclusion: The road conditio for Utah drivers are the worst. I am only referring to the patches of ice on roads but the roads, lanes and traf lights themselves. During a cloudy da find it close to impossible to see painted lines on the pavement indicat which lane I am in (if at all). At cert intersections it is very unclear as to wh traffic light I am supposed to be look at. Now that I am an official "Utah dr er," I can empathize with others that I sure will agree with me in saying that i not our fault.

Lauren Pratt
Flower Mound, Texas

Remember sacrifices

Dear Editor,

Friday night "The Star Spang Banner" began to play as I walked by N. Eldon Tanner Building. I quic looked for an American flag and fo one atop a crane at the construction between the Jesse Knight Humani Building and the James E. Talm Building.

I thought about those who sacrifi their lives 60 years ago at Pearl Harb After so many lost their lives that d many more sacrificed so much over next years defending what they hold m precious.

Yet, out of the ashes good has co President Bush noted, "We're gratefu our ally Japan and to its good peo Today our two navies are working side side in the fight against terrorism."

David Leonard
Arlington, Wash.

Puikkonen 'sets' the standard

Sam Araki
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NewsNet Sports Writer

the coming months, the rld will be focused on the 02 Winter Olympic Games in t Lake City, but BYU senior -American middle blocker ina Puikkonen is itching for a nce to be in Athens for the 04 Summer Olympics.

player with Finnish roots, ikkonen has the perfect pres- e of a volleyball player, with imposing 6 foot 3 inch frame slender build.

uikkonen said she has har- ed thoughts of playing for the ited States in the Olympics, with the end of her illustrious ugar volleyball career, her us will now shift to the nation- eam.

That would be a dream, and a goal I would like to see if I attain," Puikkonen said.

olorado Springs is the head- rters for the women's national leyball team and is the home the Air Force Academy. After Oct. 26 match against the Fal- ns, in which Puikkonen dis- yed her usual dominance, ional team coach Toshiaka shida approached her.

n the times that I've talked to n, he's been very optimistic positive towards me, and the ssibility of playing for him," kkonen said.

uikkonen is a star on the court, a three-time All-American, and off the court by being a four-time Cougar Club Scholar Athlete.

Although not a prototypical leader, the self-deprecating Puikkonen has a humble nature, which is obvious to all that meet her.

"I'm not the kind of player that is vocal, or that gets on people," Puikkonen said. "My leadership is by example. In my mind, if I'm really hustling after a ball, maybe that'll motivate somebody else to do the same thing."

Although it might seem now that Puikkonen is a volleyball queen straight from heaven, it is hard work and commitment to the game that has spurred her development.

Coming into BYU, Puikkonen didn't have extensive club team experience, and she did not graduate from a strong high school volleyball program.

"She was highly recruited," said Elaine Michaelis, BYU women's volleyball coach. "She came in needing a lot of development, but the thing about her is that she has such a strong work ethic."

Puikkonen redshirted her first year and spent games on the sideline while she honed her own game in practice. Fortunately for Puikkonen, Amy Gant-Steele, herself an All-American and national team member, was a senior on the team.

"I learned a lot from Amy Gant, her intensity and love for the game," Puikkonen said. "Coming in as a freshman, you're kind of a peon. I remember coming home from I don't know how many practices, in tears, just frustrated, thinking I was terrible."

The lessons Puikkonen learned from Gant and her redshirt season, were invaluable.

A starter in her freshman season, Puikkonen led the nation with 2.17 blocks, as she also set a BYU record. She also proved herself on the offensive side of the ball with 340 kills and a

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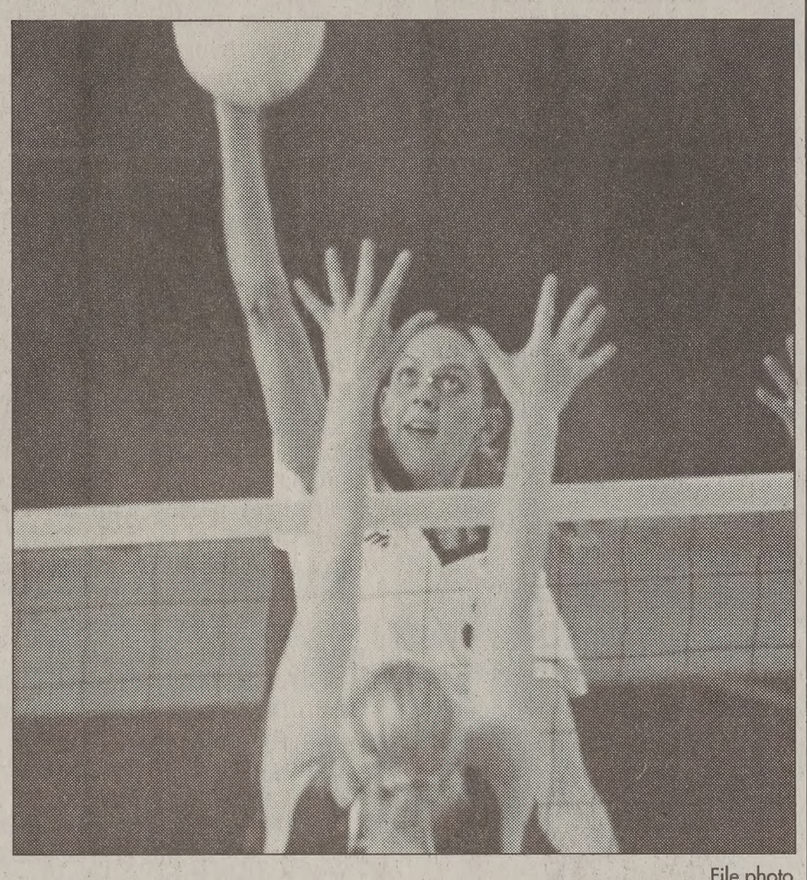

File photo

Nina Puikkonen smashes the ball over a Wyoming player during the MWC championships Nov. 15.

NCAA rankings shift

Associated Press

Duke was a unanimous No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll for the second straight week Monday, while three teams fell from the Top 25.

The Blue Devils (8-0), who beat Temple and Michigan last week, received all 72 first-place votes and 1,800 points from the national media panel.

Missouri, Maryland and Kansas held second through fourth and Florida moved up one spot to round out the first five.

Arizona and Virginia each moved up one place to sixth and seventh, and were followed in the Top Ten by Oklahoma State, Kentucky and Illinois.

Only one of the three newcomers to the rankings is in for the first time this season.

Gonzaga (7-2), which has been in the NCAA tournament round of 16 each of the last three seasons, moved in at No. 25, the Zags' first appearance in the poll since being ranked for the first seven weeks of the 1999-2000 season.

Indiana (6-2), which was out of the poll the last two weeks after getting as high as No. 20, moved back in at No. 21, and Oklahoma (5-1), which was 25th in the preseason poll then fell out, returned to the rankings at 24th.

Boston College moved up two places to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Stanford, Syracuse, Marquette, Iowa, Saint Joseph's, UCLA, Georgetown, Wake Forest and Ball State.

The last five ranked teams were Indiana, Alabama, Michigan State, Oklahoma and Gonzaga.

Indiana's return to the rankings followed wins over instate rivals Notre Dame and Ball State.

Oklahoma beat St. Bonaventure and Louisiana Tech last week to stretch its winning streak to four games after losing to Michigan State in the second round of the Preseason NIT.

Gonzaga returned to the Top 25 following victories last week over Eastern Washington and Fresno State. The Bulldogs' losses have been to Illinois in the season opener and to Marquette in the championship game of the Great Alaska Shootout.

Fresno State (7-3) dropped out from 21st after losing to Gonzaga and San Diego State. The Bulldogs, whose other loss was to Wake Forest in the Preseason NIT semifinals, had been ranked the last three weeks.

Memphis (6-3) was 12th in the preseason poll and the first one of the regular season, then dropped to 20th and 22nd before falling out following last week's loss at Mississippi.

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BYU golf is gearing up

By Brian Carlson
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NewsNet Sports Writer

File photo

A member of the BYU golf team prepares to putt during practice earlier this semester. The team is busy recruiting during winter.

The BYU men's golf team is in the middle of its midseason break, but head coach Bruce Brockbank is already preparing for next season.

Brockbank announced the signing of junior golf standouts — Daniel Summerhays, Mitch Carlson and Oscar Alvarez — who will all enroll at BYU in fall of 2002.

"This class of golfers is as good as we've had here at BYU," Brockbank said.

Summerhays of Farmington, Davis County, was named the 2001 Utah Golf Association's Player of the year (the state's highest amateur honor).

In 2000, Summerhays became the youngest Utah Amateur Champion in 83 years. He was only 16 years old. He repeated as champion in 2001.

He is currently ranked 34th in the country according to the latest Golfweek/Titleist Amateur rankings.

"He is by far the best student athlete in the recruiting class this year," Brockbank said. "He's really a gutsy competitor."

Carlson, of Las Vegas, was named the 2001 Southern Nevada Golf Association Junior Golfer of the Year.

He received the title of Nevada High School Co-Player of the Year, as a junior at Durango High School.

Carlson is a three-time winner of the Nevada Tournament of Champions.

"Mitch has a great golf swing and is a true competitor," Brockbank said. "He has had outstanding success at the national level which has prepared him well for collegiate golf."

Alvarez, of Bogota, Colombia, has received worldwide recognition.

He is currently the No. 1 ranked amateur and junior golfer in Columbia. Alvarez placed first in the South American Junior in Quito, Equador.

He placed eigth in the World Amateur in Berlin, seventh in the Junior World Team Championship in Osaka, Japan, and second in the International Cup at Lima, Peru.

"I had a colleague come up to me and tell me, 'You're getting the best junior golfer in South America,'" Brockbank said. "Oscar has an outstanding short game and will come in and fill the shoes of past BYU Colombian golfers Manuel Merizalde and Jose Garrido."

Brockbank said he is excited about the potential his team will have for next season.

"These three guys will definitely have an immediate impact on our team and I couldn't be happier with the quality of student athletes we have coming into our program," Brockbank said.

He said these players will bring much needed experience and success to the team and will give the roster added depth.

"I like our chances of being more competitive," Brockbank said.

He said the team will have seven or eight good players who will help each other boost the team's level of play.

Sophomore Chris Graham said he agrees.

"It'll force everyone to work harder," Graham said. "When you bring in new talent you raise the bar that much more."

Already Graham said he has recognized he must work hard from now until fall if he wants to keep his spot on the team.

"I'll have all winter and summer to get my game better," Graham said.

Jared Overton also said he is very optimistic about next year's squad.

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Coaches chafe against BCS

Associated Press

> "I liken the BCS to a bad disease, like cancer."
> — Mike Bellotti, Oregon football coach

Bill Peterson was the kind of guy the BCS would love.

He was easily confused.

"You guys line up alphabetically," Peterson once told his squad, "by height."

"You guys pair off in groups of three," he said another time, "then line up in a circle."

Those instructions made at least as much sense as the national championship game pitting Miami against Nebraska announced Sunday by the guys who run the Bowl Championship Series.

The worst idea in sports had an official snack sponsor for its selection show, deep-pocketed companies only too happy to affix their names to all four of the BCS bowl games and enough apologists planted inside television partner ABC to stage a New Year's Day parade without calling in extras.

But what the BCS still lacks is credibility.

Because the rest of the fraternity isn't so easily bamboozled.

"I liken the BCS to a bad disease, like cancer," said Oregon coach Mike Bellotti.

He may have lost his perspective, but he has a point.

The Ducks finished second in both the AP media poll and the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, but all they got for the trouble was the No. 4 place in the BCS rankings and a spot in the Consolation Bowl against a Colorado team that had its own reason to be steamed.

The Buffs finished No. 3 in both polls, won the Big 12 Conference after beating Nebraska by 26 points, and still wound up losing the No. 2 spot in the BCS to the Cornhuskers by five-hundreths of a point.

"It's hard to be gracious at this moment," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said, nearly choking on his pride, "but we will obviously accept and be excited about playing Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl."

After four seasons in control of college football, the BCS has managed to provide exactly one national championship game that nobody can gripe about.

A spate of upsets over the past few weekends denied the guys in charge the tidy resolution they were praying for.

And if the geeks who crunch the numbers independently can be believed, the game that actually vaulted Nebraska past Colorado into the championship game was TCU's win Friday night over Southern Mississippi.

TCU lost the season-opener to Nebraska, but the Horned Frogs' win over the weekend improved the Cornhuskers' strength of schedule just enough to make a difference.

That may not sound like much of a system to decide a national championship, but the crew in loud blazers figures most people are used to it by now. Besides, they own the game. The BCS is the latest reincarnation of what was the Bowl Coalition, and the Bowl Alliance before that. By whatever name, its goal was to match No. 1 and No. 2 at the end of every season.

But its real reason for being is to block the same playoff system that decides every other championship in college sports from being used in Division I football.

That way, its television partners, the bowls and the local chambers of commerce propping those bowls up are guaranteed a steady flow of cash and a captive audience.

Whether it's the best system for college football isn't open to debate, since the BCS's current TV contract runs through January 2006. That was something BCS Chairman John Swofford couldn't repeat often enough Sunday.

"Where this leads us, beyond that, is an open book," he said.

The book was supposed to be opened up last year, when a Miami team that should have played Oklahoma in the national championship game got squeezed out by Florida State, a team it beat during the regular season. The outcry prompted the BCS to "tweak" its formula, adding yet another step to a formula that almost nobody understands.

After last season, the tweaking involved giving more weight to head-to-head matchups. After this one, Swofford concedes the BCS may instruct its computer operators to give added weight to teams that win their conference championships.

"I don't think the credibility of it will be affected," Swofford said. "But the more often you have to change it, the tougher it is for the public to familiarize itself with it and therefore totally accept it."

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...ver this Christmas break, rest ...d relaxation will be hard for ...ny BYU athletes to enjoy.

...lany teams hold practices ...ough the break.

...he men's basketball team will ...y games and hold regular ...ctices until Dec. 23.

...While others are stuffing their ...es with turkey dinners, the ...n's basketball team will jump ...ht back into practicing on ...ristmas Day.

...It's Christmas and we're prac...ng, what can I say?" said Matt ...ontague, BYU's senior point ...ard.

The basketball teams don't get much time off for the break because of their game schedules, Montague said. The first game after the break is against CS Northridge on Dec. 27.

Montague's family in Louisville, Ky., is coming out to see him this year.

His family is also going to BYU's game against Stanford in Las Vegas on Dec. 22, and then Montague will accompany them to Phoenix to visit his sister.

The men's track team will also have unofficial practice over the break.

"Whoever is around will run together 80-90 miles a week," said Andy Carman, a distance runner for BYU men's track team.

While Carman is at his hometown in Veneta, Ore., he will jog his morning and afternoon run as usual, he said.

The women's basketball team gets only four days off from practices and games.

"Our coaches tell us to do cardio every day and shoot at a gym if we can," said Channel Rose, a junior forward from St. George, Washington County, majoring in history teaching.

Many women on the team have injuries, so it's good for them take a little time off, Rose said.

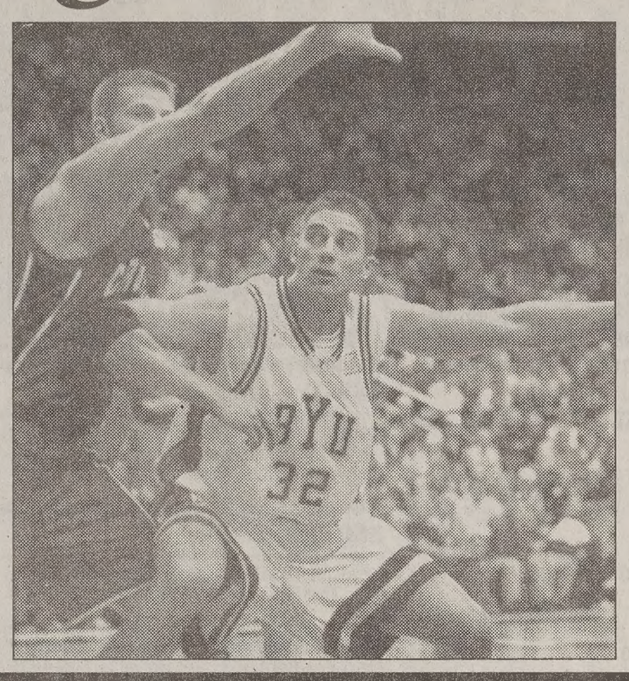
"I try to relax, I'll shoot, but I take advantage of the time off," Rose said.

The women's basketball team plays against Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, three days before Christmas. Many of the players will fly straight to their families' homes from Texas, Rose said.

The swimming and diving teams will have practice until Dec. 22. After five days off they will resume training. During the time they aren't having practices, the athletes will work out on their own to stay in shape.

"We still have to lift and stuff," said Andy Bradley, a freshman springboard diver for the men's diving team from Fairfax, Va.

"It's no big deal. I'd rather keep in shape and do well in the season than sit around and be lazy," Bradley said.



BYU forward Bart Jepsen blocks out a Creighton player Saturday. The basketball team will practice over Christmas break.

Joanna Caldwell/ Daily Universe

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...41 attack percentage.

...Puikkonen grew increasingly ...icient in her sophomore year, ...lshe was the only player to be ...tice selected as the American ...lleyball Coaches Association ...itional Player of the Week.

...The 2000 season, Puikkonen's ...nior year, provided several ...ghlights. As the season started, ...ikkonen was joined on the ...urt by her younger sister, fresh...an setter Karina Puikkonen.

..."Last year was her best year, ...d part of it may have been that ...e was focused more on Karina ...d helping her, and not worrying ...much about herself," Michaelis ...id.

...Puikkonen had team-best aver...es of 4.13 kills and 1.88 blocks ...r game with a 0.357 hitting ...rcentage. She also led BYU to ...ins over the No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 ...d No. 4 teams in the nation.

...Karina especially benefited ...om Puikkonen's ravenous play ...she was named an All-Moun...in West Conference player in ...ading BYU to the eighth-rated ...tack in the nation. For Karina, ...e decision to come to BYU was ...sy.

..."I thought it'd be better to play ...ith her than against her," Karina ...id.

...For Karina, Puikkonen's influ...ce stretches farther than on...ourt play.

..."We get along better than any ...sters I know," Karina said. "She ... probably one of my best ...iends, and I'm trying to make ...e most of our time together."

> **"I take the spiritual aspect of being here at BYU very seriously. BYU has helped me keep my priorities where they should be."**
>
> — Nina Puikkonen
> All-American middle blocker

The pressure on Puikkonen intensified this season, as she entered her final year. Fresh from off-season surgery though, Puikkonen was hindered as she tried to prepare before the season, which ultimately chipped her confidence.

"I think maybe the injury affected her a bit, in that she wasn't sure she could push as hard as she needed to," Michaelis said. "So she got a little too analytical."

"She's an intelligent person, she likes to analyze and she's a great student," Michaelis said. "That's just her nature, and it's hard for her not to do it on the court."

Still, in a tumultuous season that came to a sudden end in the first round of the NCAA tournament to Utah State, Puikkonen was often the most dominant player on the court.

Puikkonen's statistics were consistent with previous seasons, as she averaged 4.24 kills, 2.33 digs and 1.59 blocks per game.

Even as one of BYU's greatest volleyball players, a disappointing senior season will not taint Puikkonen's total experience at BYU. She has enjoyed being next to the mountains and has cherished BYU's spiritual nature.

"I take the spiritual aspect of being here at BYU very seriously," Puikkonen said. "BYU has helped me keep my priorities where they should be."

As adept at volleyball as the Puikkonen sisters are, their parents are increasingly ardent fans.

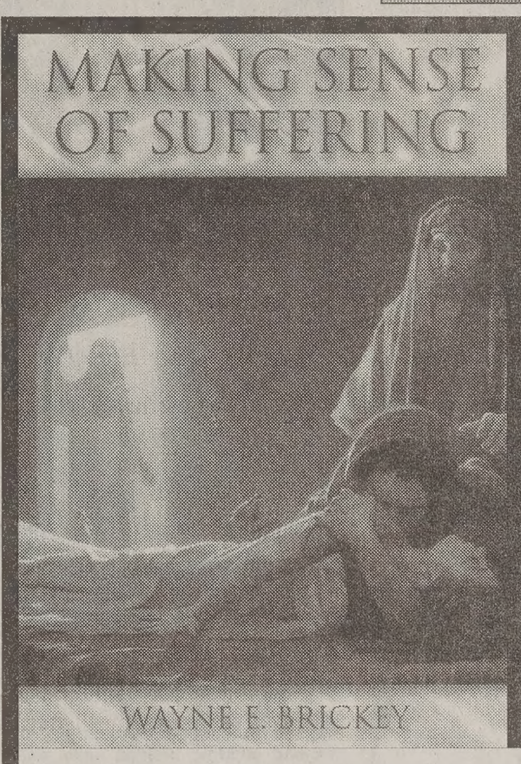
"They probably have a deeper love for volleyball than I do, if that's possible," Puikkonen said.

As loyal followers of the team, Veikko and Sirkka Puikkonen have become emotional icons at matches.

In the Cougars' final match against the Aggies on Nov. 29, Puikkonen had just committed her fourth service error.

In showing his displeasure, Puikkonen's father could be heard yelling, "That's four, that's four," with four fingers up in the air.

What Veikko probably meant to say was: "that's four great years."



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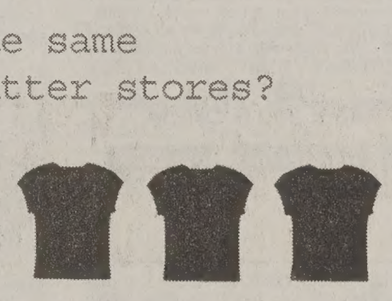

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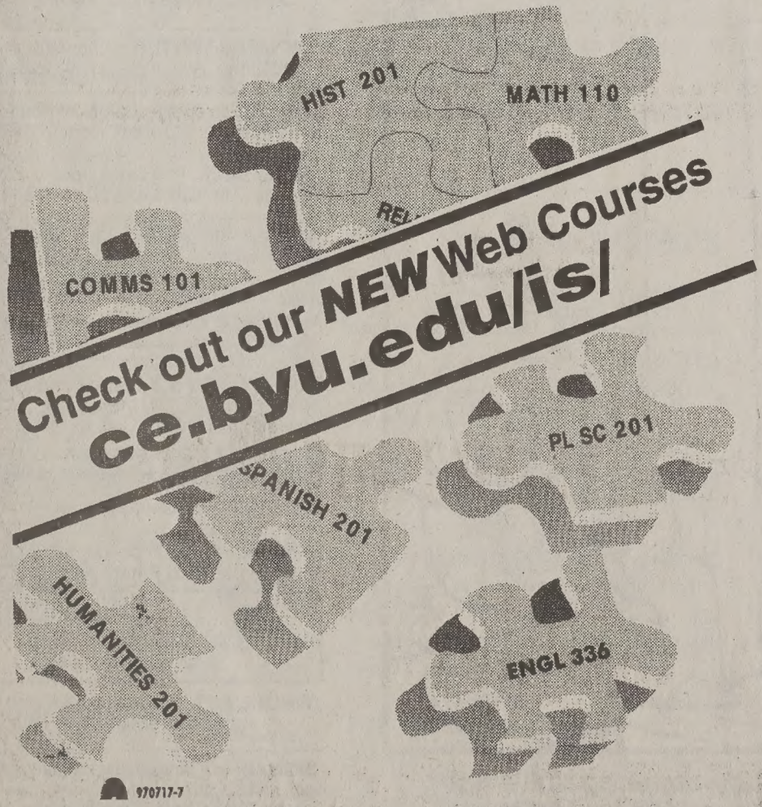

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War wears down bin Laden's power

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S.-led war on terrorism has eroded Osama bin Laden's authority as a terrorist leader, fractured his global communications and limited his access to money and weapons, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Monday.

Bin Laden has been backed into a corner, but it may take months to capture or kill the man the United States says was behind the Sept. 11 attacks, Wolfowitz told a Pentagon news conference.

"I think we've probably substantially reduced his authority over people who might be inclined to listen to him," and yet the al-Qaida terrorist network remains a threat to America and the world, he said.

Even though the Taliban has fallen and two or three of its senior officials were captured by rebel forces in recent days, most of the top leadership of the Taliban and al-Qaida remain at large, Wolfowitz said.

"It's going to be a very long and difficult job to find them, to root them out," he said. One of the recently captured Taliban leaders is Mullah Fazel, who was the regime's deputy defense minister.

With the search for bin Laden focused on Afghanistan's mountainous east, Wolfowitz said the sizable personal security forces that bin Laden keeps near him may make it easier to track him down. Without that security, however, bin Laden runs the risk of being turned in by Afghan bounty hunters, he said.

"This is a man on the run, a man with a big price on his head," Wolfowitz said.

The Pentagon disclosed that it targeted a cave in the Tora Bora area of northeastern Afghanistan with a rarely used 15,000-pound bomb, known as a "daisy cutter," on Sunday after receiving indications that the cave might have contained senior al-Qaida leaders, possibly including bin Laden.

Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, the deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the success of that U.S. attack was not yet clear because fierce fighting was still going on there.

At the very least, Stufflebeem said, the daisy cutter closed that cave's entrance and took a psychological toll on anyone nearby.

"This cave complex is literally on the sheer walls of a valley, and therefore the reverberation effect that goes up in those caves should have some kind of a negative effect," he said.

More Afghan rebel forces are asking the Pentagon for weapons to help fight the al-Qaida, but Wolfowitz said these requests are being weighed carefully in light of the chaotic situation.

American giving helps Afghan refugees

Associated Press

Just as Americans opened their wallets for Sept. 11 victims, charity officials say some are now giving to help Afghans who have been uprooted by the war.

Precisely how much money is being donated is virtually impossible to say, though it is likely in the tens of millions. Dozens of charities operate overseas and are aiding the Afghans, but many donors give to those humanitarian groups without specifying where the money should go.

Some personal checks, however, come with the note "for Afghanistan," or in response to directed appeals or news reports.

In perhaps the best-publicized Afghan charity drive, children nationwide have donated $1.5 million in response to President Bush's request that they each give a dollar for Afghan youngsters.

Young people also collected about $4 million in the 51st annual trick-or-treat Halloween drive for UNICEF. The money was earmarked for Afghanistan, where the effects of drought and war were felt before this latest crisis.

But not everyone agrees the Afghans deserve help.

"We did get two or three hate calls, from people who said 'Why are you taking food out of the mouths of firefighters' children?'" said Jeff Meer, executive director of USA for UNHCR (the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees).

Still, an appeal from the group has raised about $1.6 million in donations so far, a response Meer rates as "very strong."

"The only other circumstance when we raised money faster for a refugee crisis was for Kosovo," he said. In that case, Meer's group raised more than $3 million to help hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians.

Millions of Afghanistan's roughly 25 million people have fled from their homes. The United Nations estimates 3.5 million now live in refugee camps in Pakistan and Iran, and up to 200,000 in Tajikistan, Meer said.

Funeral held for CIA officer; tribute paid in Arlington, Va.

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — CIA officer Johnny Micheal "Mike" Spann, the only American to die at the hands of the enemy in Afghanistan, was buried among the ranks of the fallen Monday at Arlington National Cemetery.

Spann was remembered as a hero as he was interred with crisp precision and full military honors by the Marine Corps, where he was a captain of artillery before he joined the CIA.

"From his earliest days ... he worked to do what was right," CIA Director George J. Tenet told mourners, including many of Spann's fellow intelligence officers. "Mike understood it's not enough simply to dream of a better, safer world. He understood it has to be built."

Spann's wife, Shannon, also a CIA employee, carried their infant son wrapped in a white blanket against the chilly day.

She sat before her husband's coffin, which was borne by six Marines and draped in an American flag.

Spann's two young daughters, parents and other family members stood nearby.

"I want to tell you my husband is a hero," Shannon Spann said. "Mike is a hero not because of the way he died, but because of the way he lived."

"We have all lost a patriot," said the Rev. Barry Bryson, the family's minister, who conducted the ceremony. "He was fully committed to his God, his family and his nation."

Seven Marines fired three volleys each from their rifles.

Another played taps, and an officer gave Spann's flag to his wife.

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fallen, the military faced the tough task of tracking down bin Laden and eliminating al-Qaida.

"Large numbers of al-Qaida terrorists are still at large. It's going to be a very long and difficult job," he said.

Afghanistan's interim leader, Hamid Karzai, said getting rid of al-Qaida was a priority as the country tries to build a stable post-Taliban government.

"What Afghanistan needs is the full establishment of a national state, but first we must root out all the terrorists," he told journalists in the former house of Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar in Kandahar. "We must burn out all these roots."

Karzai promised there would be no amnesty for the cleric if he were caught. Omar has disappeared since the Taliban abandoned Kandahar, their birthplace and last major city, on Friday.

The Pentagon said it targeted a cave in the Tora Bora area with its largest conventional bomb, the 15,000-pound "daisy cutter," on Sunday on suspicion the cave might contain senior al-Qaida leaders, possibly including bin Laden. Spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem said damage from the strike was not known.

Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday that intelligence reports indicate bin Laden is hiding in Tora Bora, a complex of caves carved into the White Mountains near the Pakistani border.

Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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ACROSS

1 Evildoing Norse god
5 Get through one's head
10 Totally nuts
14 "___ go bragh"
15 Roast host
16 Greek war god
17 Make, as one's way
18 Horripilation
20 Motherless calf
22 Fix up
23 When Dijon is hot
24 Principal principles
28 Summer sign
30 Stick up
31 Many a Boy Scout
32 Sun or moon
33 Garfield's foil
35 "We're in trouble!"
39 Shirley Jones sitcom, with "The"
44 Son of Isaac
45 Latch (onto)
46 "Waking ___ Devine" (1998 film)
47 Thai cash
51 "Chances ___"
52 Anonymous John
53 Las Palmas locale
58 Foreman KO'er
59 Fast time
60 Bores, informally
63 Sorter's slot
67 Taj Mahal locale
68 Sonar comeback
69 Composer Copland
70 Timely question?
71 Gels
72 Stand in good ___
73 Eye affliction

DOWN

1 Not decent
2 Stackable cookie
3 Largest venomous snake
4 Kipling setting, often
5 Trip segment
6 Comic Philips
7 Something squirreled away
8 Move to the front row, maybe
9 Tone arm attachment
10 Guy's date
11 Staggering
12 "Beau ___"
13 Hibachi residue
19 Driver's warning
21 Bad throw, e.g.
25 ___ al-Fayed (friend of Diana)
26 Footnote abbr.
27 Latin word on a penny
28 Run easily
29 Stretches of time
34 Bird-to-be
36 It may be 20-20
37 Toast topper
38 London's ___ Park
40 Big brass
41 Lander at Ben-Gurion
42 "My kingdom ___ horse!"
43 Make better
48 A Guthrie
49 "Laughing" scavengers
50 G.I.'s headgear, slangily
53 Bullfighters' accessories
54 Ralph's missus
55 Time for some shifts
56 Keep for later
57 Many chess outcomes
61 The hunted
62 Of sound mind
64 Dawn goddess
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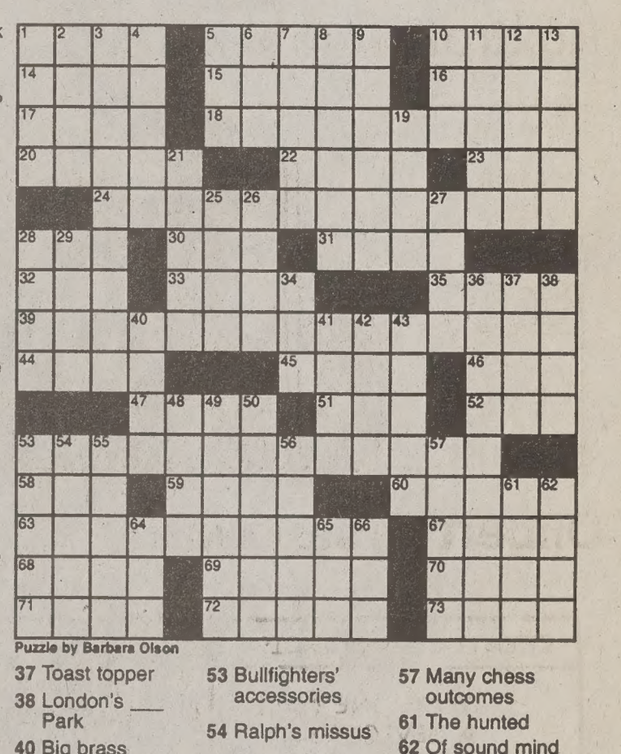

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U.S. Customs scrutinizes technology exportation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Customs Service has identified about 100 key technologies, weapons and other items that make up a "shopping list for terrorist organizations," and is asking businesses to help prevent such items from falling into the wrong hands.

The list has been shared with U.S. intelligence agencies and the Defense Department.

"A lot of this is dual-use technology so it has a legitimate use for certain purposes, but it can be used for weapons or weapons systems by terrorist organizations," Customs Commissioner Robert Bonner said.

Although he wouldn't identify the items on the list, he said some were related to producing nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The list also includes technology that terrorists might use to evade capture.

Bonner called it "a shopping list for terrorist organizations."

"Minor technological goods could easily become the necessary components for major weapons development by terrorist groups of rogue nations," the agency said Monday as it announced its "Project Shield America."

For example, one chemical used to produce dyes and inks is also a key ingredient for making mustard gas, Customs spokesman Dean Boyd said. High-speed timing devices called "krytrons," used in photocopiers and civilian lasers, are also ideal for triggering nuclear warheads.

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Under the new program, Customs field offices will contact firms that manufacture or distribute the items on the list and warn them about materials sought by terrorists.

The agency is also increasing efforts to investigate people trying to obtain or export sensitive technology. In the months before the Sept. 11 attacks, Customs agents arrested people trying to export missile guidance systems, military encryption technology, Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and spy cameras, the agency said.

Customs has also been tracking terrorist finances with a database designed to detect drug-money laundering, contraband smuggling and trade fraud. The system lets investigators examine import and export records, bank reports of suspicious activity, individuals' entries into and exits from the United States and other information to spot questionable shipments and transactions.

Study: Traditions strengthen families

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Stringing up Christmas lights and decorating the tree might do more than just create a little holiday cheer.

A study published this month in the Journal of Family Psychology found couples were more satisfied with their marriage when they shared religious holiday traditions.

"Sharing these predictable rituals and traditions together affirms a relationship in a public as well as private way," said Barbara H. Fiese, professor of psychology at Syracuse University, who performed the study along with Thomas J. Tomcho.

The study involved 120 couples who had been married for an average of nine years with at least one preschool-age child.

The couples were asked about family rituals and how important religion was in their families.

Their satisfaction was measured by 32 questions asking things such as how often the couples confided in each other and how often they laughed together.

The results showed the intimate ties of a couple were made public by the practice of religious rituals, thereby strengthening the marriage, Fiese said.

Religious traditions can remind families of the history and principles behind their religion which strengthens the bonds of a family, said Susan Heitler, a clinical psychologist.

In today's world, the religious meaning of many traditions can get lost in the shuffle of Christmas commercialism, but Fiese said their research shows religious holidays actually play a large role in American life.

Religion as a whole went through an era where it was overlooked in the social sciences, said Guy Dorius, associate professor of church history and doctrine.

"More recent research has brought it back," Dorius said. "Sadly not to the forefront, but it is a recognized force."

Holidays especially can turn people back to religion, Dorius said. Christmas can create a yearning to return to religion, he said.

However, religion does not have to be included explicitly in a holiday for it to strengthen family ties, Heitler said.

On a basic level, it can be satisfying if a family is just participating in an activity where they are eating and doing something they enjoy, Heitler said.

Emotionally healthy families who spend time together and are involved in religion seem to correlate with good students and strong families, Heitler said.

"Religious traditions are beneficial," Dorius said. "Any family involved in a belief is blessed for that belief."

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k Skousen spent his days as U student advocating an omic textbook that taught market ideas, and not just eynesian economics of big mment and deficit financing. v, over 20 years later, he is battling for economic free- — this time on an internaa level.

usen, an author, a former omic analyst for the CIA and ditor of a financial newslet- as recently named president CEO of the Foundation for omic Education, the oldest market think tank geared to ating the general public on market ideas.

r ultimate goal is to maxi- economic and political free- around the world," Skousen

ne last week, the Foundation economic Education acquired ez Faire Books, the world's st distributor of books on y, which sells to 90 different ries, he said.

Skousen, owning Laissez Books will be key in get- he Foundation for Economic ation on the map and ding free-market ideas to nal anti-capitalists sectors o global hotbed Marxists groups.

"I want to make FEE a household institute," Skousen said.

The Foundation for Economic Education publishes monthly newsletters, hosts seminars and teaches summer courses to students at the organization's Irvington-on-Hudson, New York headquarters, he said.

Skousen and his family moved to New York a week before Sept. 11 and watched the tragedy unfold.

"It hasn't been easy for New Yorkers," he said.

The economist is equally concerned with the costs involved in implementing tight security.

"You can't go a city block without seeing policemen," Skousen said. "That's costly."

Contrary to historical opinions, war is not good for the economy because the costs shovel out money, which cannot be used in building an individual's capital, Skousen said.

When Wall Street firms and President Bush called on citizens to demonstrate their patriotism by buying stocks, Skousen came out against the plea saying it went against common sense. Instead, he encouraged people to preserve their capital.

As a man who admits to being "bullish" about determining the stock market, Skousen said this is a good time to invest as the economy has shown improvements.

When it comes to spending, Skousen's advice is simple.

"Be frugal, thrifty and make wise choices," he said. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is sending the same message to its members, Skousen said.

"The church has it right and the government is wrong," he said.

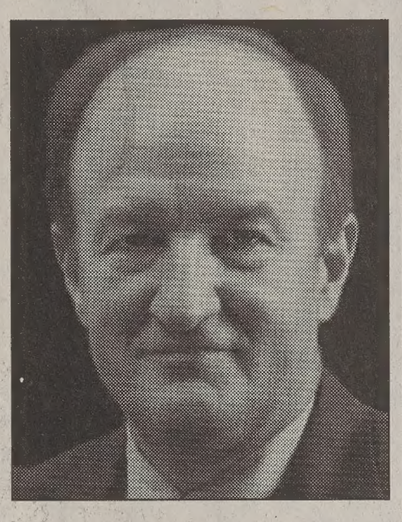
The country is coming out of a recession — thanks to recent tax cuts, a dynamic economy and low interest rates, Skousen said.

Larry Wimmer, professor of economics and mentor to Skousen, said the Foundation for Economic Education is a good fit for the economic analyst. But he also said Skousen's ideas on a free market have moderated since his freshman and sophomore year at BYU.

Skousen said his economics professors at BYU had a profound impact on his ideas.

President Merrill J. Bateman was one former professor who served as a role model for him.

"He was in the real world," Skousen said. "He wasn't just an academic economist, he was a practical businessman."



Mark Skousen

During Skousen's years at BYU, he not only took on the Economics Department to employ a new textbook, but also thought the Cougar mascot was overused by colleges.

Through his editorials as opinion editor of The Daily Universe, Skousen said he urged students to adopt the cricket stompers — a Utah spin off of Nebraska's cornhuskers — as the new mascot.

But this too, like the economic book he promoted during his college days, did not come to pass.

Minute Maid juices students for creative promotional ideas

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Creativity will be flowing as students present their imaginative work at today's Creative Juices Talent Contest.

The purpose of the contest is to promote Minute Maid juices on BYU campus through the work of students.

This work ranges from the arts to business presentations, said Kelley Williams, BYU Dining Service's Minute Maid campaign coordinator.

BYU is one of Minute Maid's biggest customers, she said.

"We are one of the largest consumers of Minute Maid juice and the only college for which Minute Maid produces frozen concentrate," Williams said.

The contest gives BYU students an opportunity to share their talents. It also gives them a great chance to earn prizes from Minute Maid and BYU Dining Services, she said.

Students will be presenting their creative ideas to promote Minute Maid to a panel of judges in the WSC Terrace today at noon.

"Johnny B. is going to be our emcee and Cosmo will be there," Williams said.

Participating students could win a variety of prizes, including a trip home for the holidays or the cash equivalent, tickets to the Olympic Games, free meal tickets for one semester, lift tickets to local ski resorts and free juice for an entire semester.

"The money would be nice for Christmas and would be used to help my friend buy a ring so he could get engaged," said John Lyde, 25, a sophomore from Orem, who has not declared a major.

Lyde decided to try his luck at winning the $1,500 cash prize by submitting a Minute Maid commercial.

The Creative Juices competition can offer students unique and unexpected opportunities, Williams said.

After a student presented creative work at a Minute Maid contest on another college campus, the student received a job offer from the company's marketing department, she said.

"We're just trying to have a good time with the students and Minute Maid," Williams said.

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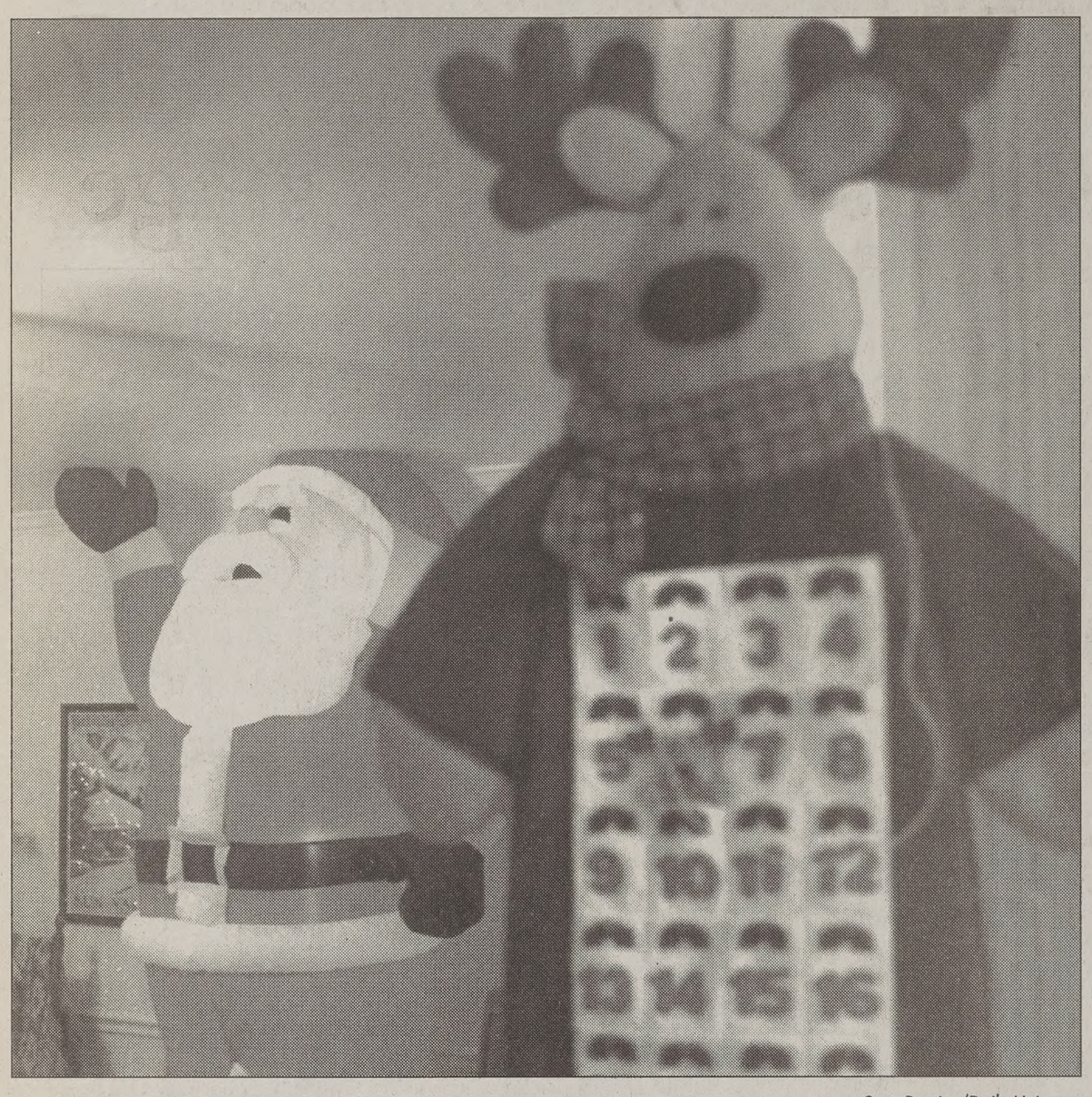

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BYU students Devin Heid and Kevin Bills fill the void in their apartment with an eight-foot Santa.

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Snow is not the only thing decorating the streets of Utah County with a holiday look.

From students to families, people are showing their excitement for Christmas with holiday light displays.

At the Canterwood apartments in Provo, an eight-foot, inflated and lit Santa is in a front room window.

Devin Heid and Kevin Bills said they purchased the Santa for $70. The Santa is similar to those displayed at car dealerships.

"We didn't feel like a few strands of lights would make enough of a statement," said Heid, 22, a sophomore from San Diego, majoring in information systems and German.

"Our apartment was kind of bare. It was just missing something. What would be better to fill that void than with an eight-foot Santa?" said Bills, 21, a sophomore from Reno, Nev., majoring in exercise physiology.

Bills' and Heid's apartment is also decorated with two lit trees and icicle lights.

Although Bills and Heid just began putting on their lighting display, some Utah County residents have gone all out with holiday lights for decades.

For the last 18 years, Alpine, Utah County, resident Linda Cooper has covered her yard with lit Christmas figures ranging from reindeers and penguins to trains.

"Christmas is the ultimate. I live for Dec. 25," Cooper said.

Terry Cooper, Linda's husband, said he usually spends a few hours decorating every day after Halloween so all the lights will be ready by Thanksgiving.

With thousands of outdoor lights and Christmas trees in every room, showing Christmas spirit is not cheap, Linda Cooper said.

"We go out Thanksgiving night and just watch the electric meter spin," she said.

The Coopers added more breakers when they remodeled their home for the sole purpose of increasing the amount of lights they could put up.

> "Our apartment was kind of bare. It was just missing something. What would be better to fill that void than with an eight-foot Santa?"
>
> — Kevin Bills, BYU student

"Every year it gets bigger. We add one or two more things. We just love Christmas," Terry Cooper said.

Students develop French CD for Games

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French attaché Alain-Marc Rieu will thank BYU today for producing a CD designed to teach French to 5,500 Olympic volunteers.

Rieu will meet with President Merrill J. Bateman to express appreciation for the production of this CD, said Mike Bush, director of the national security education program project.

At a banquet, Rieu will also thank 20 BYU students for their important contributions to the production of the French language CD, Bush said.

"This CD will help welcome those French speaking people to Salt Lake," he said.

The project began in May when BYU was asked by the French government to produce an interactive CD-ROM that could teach English-speaking, Olympic volunteers the French language, said Margaret Merrill, the project manager for the production of the French language CD-ROM.

When BYU accepted the project, the France Ministry of Foreign Affairs agreed to fund the project with $43,000, Merrill said.

Production of the CD was completed almost entirely by BYU students, she said.

French teaching majors Heather Young and Jessica Morris worked as research assistants on the project.

"It was our responsibility to make a curriculum capable of teaching basic French skills needed for Olympics volunteers," Young said.

The CD-ROM was produced to teach basic French language skills to non-French speaking Olympic volunteers, she said.

Most of the lessons on the CD are structured around pictures and interviews with the actual French Olympians, Young said.

BYU students in France on ORCA Grants interviewed French Olympic athletes expected to compete in the Salt Lake 2002 Games, Merrill said.

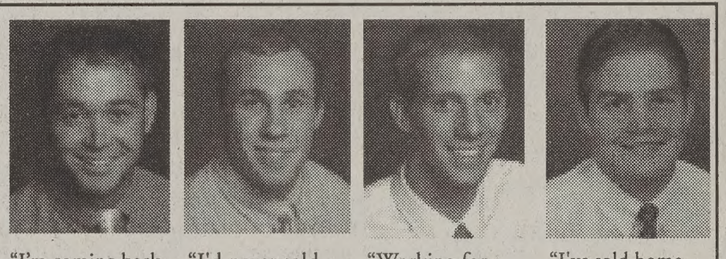
Footage from the French Olympic athletes has been used to facilitate Olympic volunteers as they learn from the CD, she said.

The CD-ROM is made up of several different lessons, which use pictures and audio bits to teach the French language in a clear and understandable way, Merrill said.

Graphic by Denise Plant

After Olympic volunteers have used the CD, they should be able to give directions, tell the time and serve different foods to French-speaking visitors, Young said.

It is important that Olympic volunteers know how to speak French because this is one of the official languages for the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Games, Merrill said.



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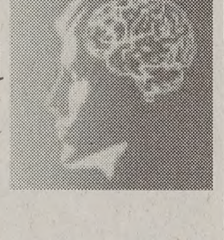

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ocal dance theater lifts kids onto new stage

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Repertory Dance Theatre in ake City is hosting Ring nd the Rose, a program ing a variety of groups in ts community, to promote rforming arts among ele- y school children.

program is part of the the- long-standing commitment age students in a variety of rming arts and to create erships with other art s, said Elaine Clark, direc- public relations and mar- g at the Repertory Dance e.

n September until May, the Wagner Theatre in Salt City will open its doors to a er crowd of art lovers on s second Saturday of the .

year the children's pro- includes participation from tah Puppet Theatre, Crolly the Ogden Buddhist Taiko mers, the Utah Opera, Bal- est, the Ririe Woodbury Company and the old-time band, The Buckle Busters, said.

The program gives youngsters the experience of getting dressed up, walking into the theater and enjoying good art with their parents, she said.

Each showing in the children's program has an interactive period where the performers talk about their art.

The Repertory Dance Theatre dancers have invited the children on stage to create dances with them, giving students the chance to learn without being lectured to, Clark said.

"When you engage children, they are more fascinated than passive recipients," she said.

Peter Christie, director of educational programs for Ballet West, said this is Ballet West's third year working with the theatre in their Ring Around the Rose program.

Christie said one of the best parts of the program is the harmony felt among the art groups to bring the arts to students outside of a school setting.

Ballet West is scheduled to present a program centered around the "Nutcracker" on April 13, he said.

This 50-minute program includes introductions to the dancers, a discussion on technique, training, career possibilities and demonstrations, Christie said.

Some students are invited on stage to experience how everyday movements relate to ballet moves, Christie said.

Paula Fowler, director of education for Utah Opera, said the company has done a variety of programs for schools in the past.

Last year the company did "Operalympics," which involves two teams of professional singers that compete in a variety of categories, Fowler said.

By competing for the highest or lowest note, the singers teach the students about vocal range and by competing for the longest held notes, the students learn about breath control, she said.

"At the end of the presentation, they point out that in opera it is more important to cooperate than to compete," Fowler said.

When working with the theatre, Utah Opera and dancers present a program featuring warm-up exercises for both dance and song and invite students to participate with them in vocal exercises and yoga, Fowler said.

Courtesy of Elaine Clarke

A pencil drawing depicts the old-time string band The Buckle Busters. The band is participating in a children's program to promote performing arts among elementary school children.

Holiday classics fly off shelf

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ssic holiday children's are selling out as fast as tores can put them on the es.

la Brummett, general book ger for the BYU Bookstore, he Bookstore has thousands iday titles.

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ks will always sell well, mett said. She said books a high value because they ore permanent than cloth-

en the bookstore orders s for the holiday season, mett said she looks for attractive to the consumer. ere are many different criteria for ordering books. The subject matter has to be interesting and the art needs to be well done," Brummett said.

She said books like "The Christmas Miracle of Jonathon Toomey" have wonderful art that make it more valuable to the consumer.

LuAnn Anderson, employee at Border's Books, agrees that the Jonathon Toomey book is a holiday classic.

"There are many wonderful classic children's holiday books that will always be popular," Anderson said.

"The Polar Express," for example, tells a great story and the art is wonderful, she said.

Anderson said she has not seen many quality books released in the last few years, and the great classics are getting harder to find in bookstores.

Anderson said some of her customers have family traditions of giving books on Christmas Eve.

People might have a hard time finding a great book this year, Anderson said, but children's books are always a great gift.

> "We carry so many of them because they sell."
>
> — Linda Brummett, general book manager

Denise Edwards, employee at Barnes & Noble, said some people also buy children's books for stocking stuffers.

"I think that children's book sales go up during Christmas because the holiday is geared toward children," Edwards said.

Christmas shopping is going stronger than ever, Edwards said. She expects business to be busy until after Christmas.

Edwards said Barnes & Noble has a huge selection of children's books, including her favorites, "The Legend of the Christmas Tree" and "The Legend of the Candy Cane."

Dance group debuts talent during weekend performance

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> "It's a nice opportunity to reach out to a young audience and expose them to ballet in a palatable way."
>
> — Lynne Thompson, promotion director

The BYU Department of Dance introduced the Ballet Showcase Company, a new ballet company, on campus this past weekend.

The new company was formed to give ballet dancers an outlet to perform.

For years, the Theatre Ballet was the only ballet company at BYU.

Some faculty members have recognized that several ballet majors didn't get performance experience because the Theatre Ballet is highly selective, said Sandra Allen, ballet division administrator.

Now an additional ballet company gives stage room to more ballet dancers.

The BYU Ballet Showcase Company is an audition company made up of 17 female and 2 male dancers, said Shani Olsen, director of the Ballet Showcase Company.

"They've worked harder than any other dancers I've seen," Olsen said.

Lynne Thompson, promotion director for BYU Theatre Ballet and the Ballet Showcase Company, said the company started this fall and their performance schedule is already booked.

Thompson said the performing group features excellently trained university ballet dancers and also a select group of high school-aged students from the Youth Artists Program.

The company will perform at 25 elementary schools as part of their tour, giving lectures and demonstrations, Thompson said.

A piece from the program called "Cold Rush" is a comedic and classical ballet with an Olympic twist, Thompson said.

"It's a nice opportunity to reach out to a young audience and expose them to ballet in a palatable way," she said.

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Edwards, McBride team up on Christmas album

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LaVell Edwards, former head coach of the BYU football team, is now taking a pass at something new, acting as a narrator in a newly released Christmas album.

Edwards and several members of BYU's faculty are adding to the holiday spirit this season on a Christmas album entitled "Christmas With Friends."

"It features different styles of Christmas songs ranging from country, jazz, to traditional," said Alan Brock, the album producer.

Brock said he wanted to make a Christmas album including some of his original works and arrangements, and asked Edwards and members of the BYU faculty to participate.

Edwards joins together with University of Utah head football coach Ron McBride to do a narration in the song "Underneath the Mistletoe."

Don't worry, there's no kissing involved.

In the narration, Edwards talks about football in relation to Christmas and talks about how he misses coaching the BYU team.

Several BYU professors in the music department have also contributed to the album.

Daron Bradford, a part-time BYU professor, said he was busy playing all the woodwind instruments in the songs.

He played the flute, oboe, English horn, clarinet and bass clarinet.

Other BYU faculty members involved in the recordings include Ray Smith, director of Synthesis; Lars Yorgason, part-time jazz bass instructor; French horn instructor Larry Lowe; and Kelly Eisenhower, former director of Syncopation.

Katie Williams, 20, a junior majoring in music education from Star Valley, Wyo., is the only BYU student featured on the album.

She helps sing a jazzy rendition of "Little Drummer Boy."

"Alan Brock called me the day of the recording and asked me to come and sing because I had been recommended to him," she said. "It was difficult because I had never seen the music before."

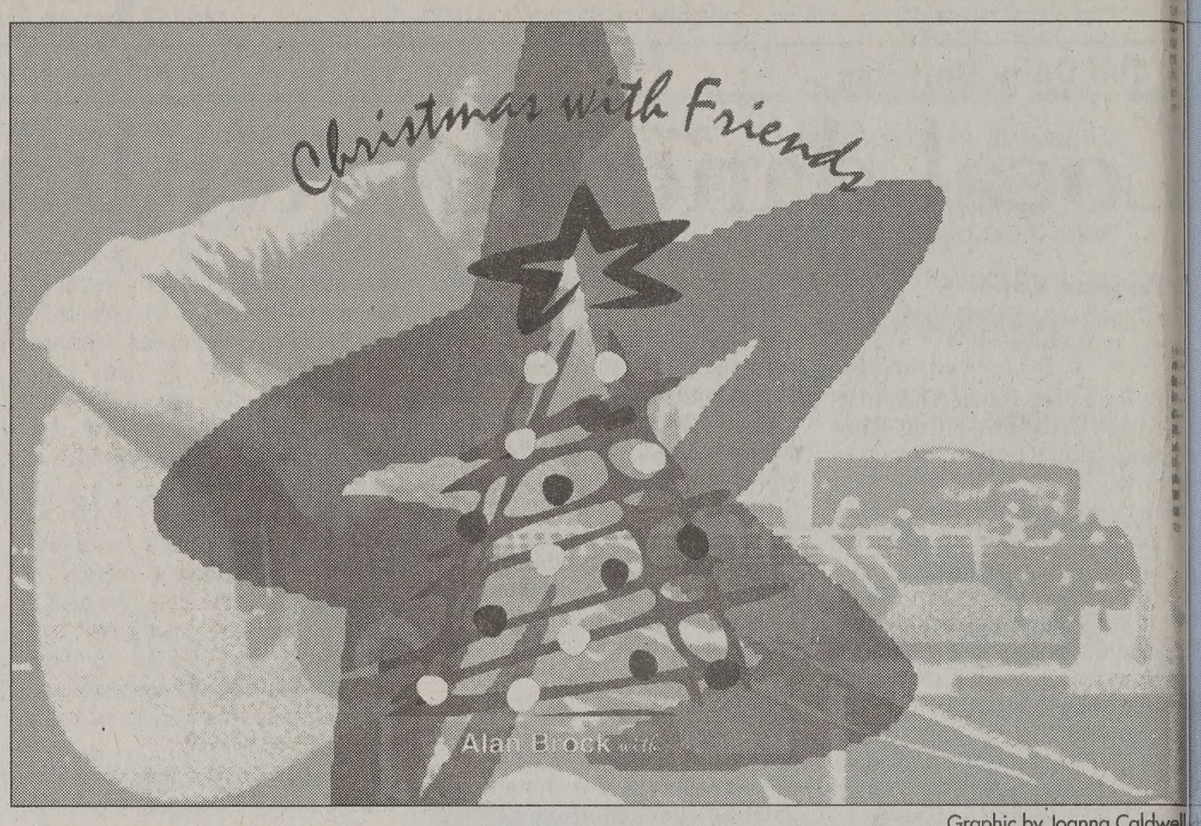
Williams said she is excited to have her name listed on the back of a professional album.

Brock said his goal in making the album was to raise money for charities in the area.

"A portion of the proceeds will go to assist The Boys and Girls Club of Utah County and Ron McBride's Football Camp," he said.

This is Brock's first album he has produced and he said he feels a sense of accomplishment now that it is over.

"Christmas With Friends" is being sold in the BYU Bookstore and in Provo and Salt Lake area music stores.



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